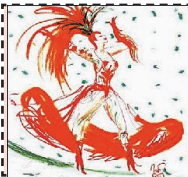


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## SETAR Business Event 2011 features guest speaker Merthe Tiemensma



**Merthe Tiemensma**



**Roland Croes**



**RBTT Bank Director Edna Farro and Enid Croes-Marugg**

The 7th annual SETAR Business Event was conducted at the Hyatt Regency Resort in Palm Beach on Thursday evening, February 3. SETAR N.V., Aruba's national telecommunications company, host this congenial evening for major clients and business partners as a medium to update them on the latest technological advances and the company's status, since the utility was privatized.

It is also a tradition to invite a guest speaker of international repute to inform and

enlighten their guests on methods for improving their business. This year, the keynote speaker was Mrs. Merthe Tiemensma, and entrepreneur from Holland specialized in "Storytelling." A former HR Director of the Consumer Market of Royal KPN, her project in "Storytelling" won the "European Excellence Award of 2010." The purpose of her talk was to explain how to "close the gap between defining strategic goals and getting the entire organization into fully committed execution, by

telling stories."

First to the podium for the evening's revelations was Managing Director of SETAR N.V., Roland Croes. He declared 2010 a "challenging year," as utility companies like SETAR must be prepared to shift gears as industry and homeowners drift away from traditional land-line phone connections and become used to relying on their mobile devices for communication or deploying Internet phone services, which save them money on international calls. "5 Aruban florins saved per month per customer may not sound like much; but when you consider we have over 100,000 subscribers doing this, you can see it impacts SETAR'S revenues greatly," he pointed out.

"SETAR still maintains the #1 spot for mobile services and Internet connections," he continued, "for which demand is increasing daily, and where we cannot compromise in any way in technical investment to cut costs.

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## *Tonight is the finals of the Calypso & Roadmarch Contest!*



Photo above is of last year's Calypso & Roadmarch Contest winners, Calypso Queen Lady V and Roadmarch Queen Lady Eyes. Tonight is the finals of the Calypso & Roadmarch Contest when the melody that will lead the 2011 Carnival parades will be chosen.

## **Five new Mexican flu deaths in the Netherlands**

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands -- The National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) has announced that five people died of the Mexican flu - A(H1N1) - last week, bringing the total since October to 25.

Last week, 77 patients suffering from Mexican flu were admitted to hospital.

The total number of people admitted to hospital with the disease now stands at 476 since October last year.

The Netherlands is still in the grips of an epidemic of the 'normal' flu, even though it is showing signs of leveling off. An RIVM spokesperson said it was too soon to say that the flu epidemic was waning.



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## TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

## Huge crowds turn out for Mubarak 'departure day'



CAIRO, Egypt (AFP) – Egyptian demonstrators held a massive "departure day" show of force yesterday aimed at ousting President Hosni Mubarak as both the United States and Europe indicated the time has come for him to step down.

Tens of thousands filled Cairo's central Tahrir (Liberation) Square, the epicentre of 11 straight days of protests that have shaken the pillars of Mubarak's three-decade rule, on the Muslim day of rest and

weekly prayers.

Mubarak said in an interview he would like to quit but feared that chaos would ensue.

The New York Times reported that Washington has been pushing proposals for Omar Suleiman, Mubarak's veteran intelligence chief and now vice president, to head a transitional government.

The transition would begin a process of reform to pave the way for elections scheduled in September.

The White House took issue with aspects of the report, but did not deny it outright, and its response hinted that the United States may be studying a range of options to prod Mubarak to go and defuse the confrontation in Cairo.

However, Prime Minister Ahmed Shafiq ruled out the possibility that Mubarak would transfer power to Suleiman.

In an interview with Al-Ara-

biya television, excerpts of which were carried by the official MENA news agency, Shafiq "ruled out" an early exit for Mubarak, saying "we need President Mubarak to stay for legislative reasons."

At a summit in Brussels, meanwhile, the European Union's 27 leaders said Egypt's "transition process must start now" and condemned this week's violence, while issuing a veiled threat of suspending aid.

But Russia called UN chief Ban Ki-moon's calls for change in Egypt overtly political, after Ban said on Friday that "a process of peaceful and orderly transition leading to free and fair elections" must start as soon as possible.

Russia's UN ambassador, Vitaly Churkin, told reporters the UN role "does not include giving political advice to sovereign states."

## New Thai-Cambodian border clash



PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AFP) – Thai and Cambodian soldiers exchanged heavy fire on the two countries' shared border, killing one soldier and a civilian, as tensions between the neighbours boiled over.

One Cambodian soldier died in the skirmishes near the disputed ancient Preah Vihear temple, a Thai villager was also killed by artillery shelling and five Thai soldiers were injured, Thai public health minister Jurin Laksanawisit said.

Both Thailand and Cambodia accused the other of starting the fighting, the deadliest since April 2009 as the United States urged "maximum restraint".

The area around the temple is claimed by both sides and Cambodian foreign ministry spokesman Koy Kuong said Phnom Penh planned to complain to the United Nations over what it termed the "Thai invasion".

"We will lodge a complaint with the UN Security Council on," he told AFP, adding that Thai soldiers had fired artillery shells 18-20 kilometres (11-12 miles) into Cambodian territory.

But Thai Defence Minister Prawit Wongsuwon played down the significance of the incident. "We are negotiating now and I am sure that everything will be fine," he said.

A US State Department spokeswoman said: "The United States urges both sides to exercise maximum restraint and take all necessary steps to reduce tensions and avoid further conflict."

A Thai army official at the border said fighting broke out at 3:10 pm local time (0810 GMT) at Phu Makuea, near the 11th-century temple.

Residents in several villages along both sides of the border were evacuated, officials said.

Ties between the two countries have been strained since July 2008 by a series of deadly border clashes over land surrounding the temple after it was granted UN World Heritage status.

Thailand and Cambodia have both been talking tough on the border issue, which some observers say serves nationalist goals at home on both sides.

The World Court ruled in 1962 that Preah Vihear itself belonged to Cambodia, although its main entrance lies in Thailand. The exact boundary through the surrounding grounds remains in dispute.

The Thai-Cambodia border has never been fully demarcated, partly because it is littered with landmines left over from decades of war in Cambodia.

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## Cuba to free two dissidents who refused Spain exile

HAVANA, Cuba (AFP) – Cuba will soon release two political prisoners who have rejected exile in Spain, the Catholic Church said, in a break in an impasse over the fate of dissidents that President Raul Castro promised to release months ago.

The statement by the office of the archbishop of Havana, Cardinal Jaime Ortega, said Angel Moya, 46, wanted to stay in Cuba while Guido Sigler, 57, would emigrate to the United States. Both were serving 20 year prison sentences after being arrested in a 2003 crackdown that swept 75 dissidents into Cuban prisons.

Moya, a construction worker, is the husband of Berta Soler, one of the leaders of the Ladies in White group of female relatives of dissidents.

Sigler is an economist

whose brother Ariel, a paraplegic, was freed and allowed to travel to the United States in June. He has another dissident brother, Miguel, who was released for health issues in 2005 and is also living in the United States.

"My husband wants to continue the struggle for democracy and freedom in his homeland," Soler told AFP. "I am happy, I want my man in my home but I want the others also in their homes," she said.

Castro promised in July to release 52 political prisoners by November 7 in a deal brokered by the Catholic Church, but 11 prisoners have remained in jail after rejecting offers of exile in Spain.

The 11 jailed dissidents are considered prisoners of conscience by the rights group Amnesty International.



## Minister honors Customs Officers



ORANJESTAD -- In a festive ambience, Minister Mike de Mezas and his staff honored a dozen Customs Officers for their many years of service. In the group there were 3 who celebrated 35 years of faithful service, one with 36 years, one with 38 years, six celebrated a whopping 40 years of years, while one celebrated as much as 41 years of service as a Customs Officer!

Former head of the organization, Mr. L. Bernadina, introduced his former colleagues to the Minister and offered some remarks. Current head of the Customs Office, Mrs. C. Cabenda, in her remarks congratulated the celebrants for their hard work over the many years. Mike de Mezas, in his speech commented that he was just a boy when the celebrants started to work as Custom Officers. In name of the government of Aruba he thanked them for

their tremendous labor. He had special words of appreciation for their wives, whom, he said, certainly helped them in their excellent service over the years.

Mr. Levenstone, in addressing his colleagues and speaking on behalf of his colleagues thanked the Minister for the pleasant surprise and attention given to them for organizing such a festive event in their honor. He remarked..."this is the first time that they ever received such recognition."

Those who were honored for their years of service were:

Mrs. Sofia Hernandis-Boekhouth with 36 years of service

Mrs. Nidia Geerman with 36 years of service

Mr. Ambrosio Wever with 35 years of service

Mr. Eloy Koolman with 35 years of service

Mr. Mirto Trimon with 35

years of service

Mr. Benito Weller with 40 years of service

Mr. Antonio Tromp with 40 years of service

Mr. Ronald Maduro with 40 years of service

Mr. Alfredo Levenston with 40 years of service

Mr. Juan Kelly with 40 years of service

Mr. Nicolas (Nic) Qandus with over 41 years of service

Mr. Johannes (Eddy) Tromp with over 40 years of service.

The Minister reiterated his congratulations to the group and promised that they will continue to honor all celebrants of the various departments under his watch. Minister of Justice, Arthur Dowers, was also present to congratulate the celebrants for their faithful service to Aruba and to the government of Aruba.

## IDEFRE celebrates 35th Birthday!



ORANJESTAD -- Today, IDEFRE (Aruba's Athletic & Physical Fitness Institute) celebrates its 35th anniversary. It was 35 years ago that this institution was established, which they consider to be a milestone. It is a milestone, says IDEFRE, because to maintain a public organization such as IDEFRE for this long is only possible because of a dedicated and dynamic staff willing to work for the community.

IDEFRE's history dates back to 1976 as Sportbureau, and later in 1981 to the current IDEFRE as we know it today. During the ensuing 35 years the institution has had four different directors, which IDEFRE claims is a reflection of its organizational stability. Over the years this organization has played an important role in the development of athletics in Aruba.

During 1976 to 1980 IDEFRE was instrumental in organizing school athletics, recreational activities, as well as cycling and fitness walks. In 1981 – 1990 IDEFRE was the catalyst in getting all sport federations affiliated with ASU (Aruba Sport Union) to submit information to begin the process of international affiliation, which finally led to the creation of the Aruba Olympic Committee in 1986. During the 80's, IDEFRE gave a significant boost to fundraising races, and organized the first triathlon in Aruba in 1985.

They were also the initiators of the intergovernmental athletic activities. As of the 1980's, IDEFRE has been supplying all government subsidized schools with athletic equipment from their own coffers.

In the 1990's IDEFRE played a pivotal role in introducing school swimming lessons to third grade primary school classes. In 1993, together with SEDREKO (Curacao) and INDEBON

(Bonaire) they reactivated the intercollegiate encounters to be conducted once yearly. IDEFRE had an integral part in the organizing committee for the first Kingdom Games in Aruba in 1995. Athletic instruction sessions in the barrios were given more attention in 1996 where kids from the ages of 9 – 13 were instructed in the basics of athletics of various sports.

From 2000 to 2009 IDEFRE focused on offering courses for personal advancement, for example, courses on youth trainers, swim instructor courses, and courses on Recreational Sport Leadership-A. IDEFRE has also designed her own new logo which can be seen on all her employee uniforms. During this decade, IDEFRE succeeded in bringing various teachers and trainers from abroad through bi-lateral agreements on athletics. Many came from places such as Holland, Cuba, and Colombia. Betico Olympic School Athletics became a reality in 2002 under the auspices of IDEFRE. IDEFRE today also plays an important role in the "Premio Simplemente Deporte" (Simply Athletics Prize), which is now dubbed Premio Excelencia den Deporte (Athletics Excellence Prize).

IDEFRE recognizes and applauds the leadership of their four directors. In 1976, Mr. Frans van Gastel was the person who founded the institution and provided leadership until 1979 when Mr. Roy van Putten assumed the directorship until 1985. Then, from 1985 to 2003, Mr. Jerry Gomes led the organization, and finally Mr. Jessy Beukenboom became director in 2003 and continues to serve IDEFRE to this day. Words of appreciation were expressed for all the staff and employees who have passed and who are currently giving their best to provide the best possible service to the community.



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## Perry Ellis opens to "oohs" and "aahs" on Oranjestad's main street



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Thursday evening witnessed a special reception for the new Perry Ellis designer store in Oranjestad, a prelude to the public grand opening yesterday. The elegant shop is a specialty store of Aruba Trading Company; majority shareholders Raoul and Landa Henriquez personally welcomed island fashionistas and smartly dressed gentlemen to examine their inventory for both men and women and toast this addition to Aruba's inventory of top name designer shops. Store Manager Elias Wilson and Fashion Manager Andrew Curiel, both elegantly decked out in Perry Ellis from tie to shoes, welcomed Perry Ellis Store Planning Manager for Latin America, Larissa Isaza, who traveled from Panama for the occasion. Aruba's Alina Mansur, who won the title of International Carnival Queen for all the Caribbean a few months ago at the first such pageant held in Curacao, was awarded the honor of pushing the button on the remote that brought up "the curtain" on the elegant emporium.

Aruba Trading Company has always carried the Perry Ellis brand on the second floor of their flagship store on the Caya Betico Croes, but they felt the name deserved its own



Landa Henriquez and friends



Raoul Henriquez with friends

special location and expanded inventory.

Potential customers filed in, and were immediately impressed with the clean, classic but contemporary styling of the latest Perry Ellis lines, which Manager Wilson de-

clared are now "much more moderately priced than in the past." Landa expressed the hope of establishing more outlets around the island if the one in Oranjestad proves to be the success they think it will be.

by Rosalie Klein



## Chevrolet has big presence in Super Bowl XLV

DETROIT, Michigan – Chevrolet will air five 30-second commercials during Super Bowl XLV Sunday on FOX, representing only part of a coordinated TV presence that continues into a special post-game episode of “Glee,” the FOX hit musical comedy.

The Camaro, Cruze Eco,

ery,” highlighting the Volt; “Tommy,” highlighting the Silverado HD; and “Al’s Chevrolet,” starring the Camaro. The “Glee” commercial also will run during the game. “Ms. Evelyn,” featuring the Camaro, will air after the presentation of the MVP Award, also sponsored by Chevrolet.

“This combination of commercials highlights today’s diversity of Chevrolet products, but each spot also tells a part of

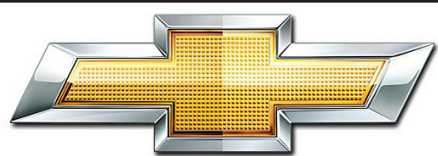


Silverado HD and Volt will be featured in a combination of in-game and post-game ads, plus Chevy is presenting a Camaro Convertible to the Most Valuable Player from Super Bowl XLV between the Pittsburgh Steelers and Green Bay Packers.

“Chevrolet has a lot of great news to share right now, and where else do you get to talk to 95 million Americans all at once?” said Joel Ewanick, global chief marketing officer of General Motors. “Chevrolet is using the biggest broadcast day of the year, all day, to talk about the Volt, the North American Car of the Year; the Silverado

HD, Motor Trend’s Truck of the Year; the 42-mile-per-gallon Cruze Eco; and the best-selling Camaro.”

“All of this year’s Super Bowl ads were created by Chevrolet’s agency of record, Goodby, Silverstein & Partners. Chevrolet advertising returns to the Super Bowl



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after a four-year absence. Stern Automotive Enterprises, situated in Tanki Leendert 122, is the exclusive auto dealer on Aruba for Chevrolet. Stern invites the whole community of Aruba to enjoy this spectacular sports, the Super Bowl XLV this Sunday.

“For more information on Chevrolet’s campaigns, visit our showroom, call at tel. 582-3838 or visit our website [info@sterngm.com](mailto:info@sterngm.com),” an enthusiastic Stern spokesperson says.

The following Chevrolet ads will air during the game: “Misunderstanding,” featuring the Cruze Eco; “Discov-



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## Sci-Tech

# Oysters disappearing worldwide: study



WASHINGTON (AFP) — A survey of oyster habitats around the world has found that the succulent mollusks are disappearing fast and 85 percent of their reefs have been lost due to disease and over-harvesting.

Most of the remaining wild oysters in the world, or about 75 percent, can be found in five locations in North America, said the study published in *BioScience*, the journal of the American Institute of Biological Sciences.

An international team of researchers led by Michael Beck of the Nature Conservancy and the University of California, Santa Cruz, examined the condition of native oyster reefs in 40 ecoregions, including 144 bays.

"Oyster reefs are at less than 10 percent of their prior abundance in most bays (70 percent) and ecoregions (63 percent)," said the study.

"They are functionally extinct -- in that they lack any significant ecosystem role and remain at less than one percent of prior abundances in many bays (37 percent) and ecoregions (28 percent) -- particularly in North America, Australia and Europe."

By averaging the loss

among all regions, the researchers came up with an estimate that 85 percent of oyster reef ecosystems have been lost, but said that figure was likely low because some areas lacked historical records for comparison.

The study also did not include oyster reefs in parts of South Africa, China, Japan, and North and South Korea.

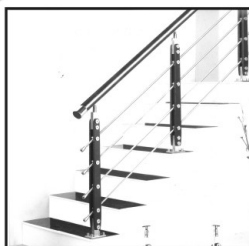
Other studies and observations in those areas "suggest that wild oyster abundance was much higher in the past and that reefs have declined greatly in abundance or have disappeared altogether," the authors said.

The one bright spot in the oyster world was in the Gulf of Mexico, where native oyster catches are "the highest in the world despite significant declines in abundance and reefs," according to the study.

Five of the regions boasting the world's largest oyster catches are located in eastern North America, from the Virginia coast southward and also in the Gulf of Mexico.

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# Tiny water flea has more genes than you

WASHINGTON (AFP) — A tiny, translucent water flea that can reproduce without sex and lives in ponds and lakes has more genes than any other creature, said scientists who have sequenced the crustacean's genome.

*Daphnia pulex*, named after the nymph in Greek mythology who transforms into a tree in order to escape the lovestruck Apollo, has 31,000 genes compared to humans who have about 23,000, said the research in the journal *Science*.

Often studied by scientists who want to learn about the effects of pollution and environmental changes on water creatures, the almost-microscopic freshwater *Daphnia* is the first crustacean to have its genome sequenced.

But just because this creature -- viewed as the canary in the gold mine of the world's waters -- has more genes doesn't necessarily mean they are all unique, explained project leader John Colbourne.

"*Daphnia*'s high gene number is largely because its genes are multiplying, by creating copies at a higher rate than other species," said Col-

bourne, genomics director at the Center for Genomics and Bioinformatics.

*Daphnia* has a large number of never-before seen genes, as well as a big chunk of the same genes found in humans, the most of any insects or crustacean so far known to scientists.

"More than one-third of *Daphnia*'s genes are undocumented in any other organism -- in other words, they are completely new to science," said Don Gilbert, coauthor and Department of Biology scientist at IU Bloomington.

These unique and previously unknown genes are "involved in response to the environment," the study said.

James Klaunig, professor of environmental health at In-

diana University Bloomington, said the genome will help scientists study the effect of environmental pollutants on humans.

"Genome research on the responses of animals to stress has important implications for assessing environmental risks to humans," Klaunig said.

"The *Daphnia* system is an exquisite aquatic sensor, a potential high-tech and modern version of the mineshaft canary," he said.

"With knowledge of its genome... the possible effects of environmental agents on cellular and molecular processes can be resolved and linked to similar processes in humans."

## New laser shows unique images of viruses

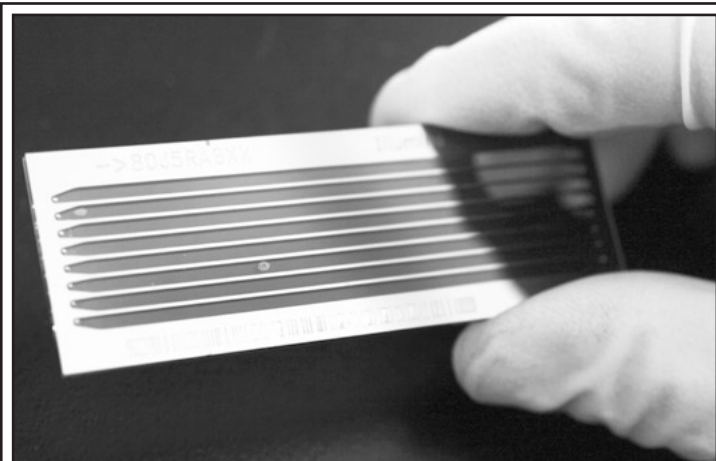
PARIS (AFP) - A laser that delivers intense ultra-short X-ray pulses can create images of intact viruses, single-cell organisms and bacteria, providing researchers with a revolutionary tool, *Nature* reported on Wednesday.

The technique, using a so-called free-electron laser at Stanford University in California, was tested on the

mimivirus, the world's largest known virus, which infects amoebas.

The snapshot is the first step towards studying molecules, viruses and live microbes at the nanoscale and in real time, the paper said.

Existing electron microscopy methods require biologists to slice or freeze a sample before imaging it.



Florida. The ground breaking discovery that was announced this week has helped Betti and Carlos Lidsky's nearly 20-year search for what caused three of their four children to lose their sight. Researchers used a new technology known as whole exome sequencing to find the cause and now hope with the new information to be able to work on a possible cure for the eye disease. (AFP photo)

Miami : MIAMI, FL : A slide with DNA is seen in the genetics lab where husband and wife research team Dr. Margaret Pericak-Vance, Ph.D, director of the Hussen Institute for Human Genomics, University of Miami, and Jeffery M. Vance, M.D., Ph.D, chair of department of Human Genetics, University of Miami, did research that discovered the cause of retinitis pigmentosa, a form of blindness, on February 2, 2011 in Miami,



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## BRIEFS:

### Type 1 diabetes strongly linked with cold-like virus :

PARIS (AFP) – Children with Type 1 diabetes are almost 10 times likelier to be infected by a cold-like virus compared to counterparts without the disease, according to a paper published by the British Medical Journal (BMJ).

Enteroviruses are common viruses that can lead to cold- or flu-like symptoms, aching muscles and rashes or even meningitis.

The study found an unmistakable association between enteroviruses and diabetes, but the mechanism is unclear.

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### New mosquito in Africa raises malaria concerns:

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Researchers have found a new mosquito in the west African nation of Burkina Faso that appears to be highly susceptible to malaria parasites and could help the disease spread, said a study.

The new subtype of *Anopheles gambiae* mosquitoes is believed to live mainly in the wild, whereas other species collected by scientists have been plucked from indoors where they are easier to find.

Researchers grew generations of the new type in the lab and found it be more susceptible to the *Plasmodium falciparum* parasite, linked to malaria, than other types they had previously found and classified.

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### Global obesity rate doubles since 1980:

PARIS (AFP) – More than half a billion adults are clinically obese in a near-doubling of the numbers of dangerously overweight adults since 1980, doctors warned.

In 2008, the latest year for which statistics were available, nearly one woman in seven and one man in 10 were obese, it found.

Being too fat causes three million premature deaths each year from heart disease, diabetes, cancers and other disorders, according to the WHO.

The researchers described the tableau as "a population emergency."

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### Polio returns to cripple Angola and its neighbours:

In 2010, Angola registered 32 new cases of polio in the Luanda area, in the east of the country and in the exclave province of Cabinda.

The virus also spread to two neighbouring countries where it had been considered eradicated -- 93 cases were reported in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and 50 in Congo.

The region was responsible for two-thirds of the cases recorded in Africa last year.

The government has pledged to vaccinate Angola's 5.6 million children under the age of five by the end of the year.

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## Health & Living

# Child obesity 'linked to working mothers'

WASHINGTON (AFP) – The more mothers work during their children's lifetimes, the more likely their kids are to be overweight or obese, according to a US study published.

Researchers from American University in Washington, Cornell University in New York state and the University of Chicago studied data on more than 900 elementary- and middle-school-aged children in 10 US cities.

They found that the total number of years the children's mothers worked had a cumulative influence on their children's body mass index (BMI) -- the weight to height ratio used to measure if a person is overweight or obese.

"Every period of time (averaging 5.3 months) a mother was employed was associated with an increase in her child's BMI of 10 percent of a standard deviation," says the study which was published in the journal *Child Development*.

"For a child of average height, this is equivalent to a gain in weight of nearly one pound (half a kilogram) every five months above and beyond what would typically be gained as a child ages."

The findings were strongest among sixth graders, the oldest children for whom data was



studied. Sixth graders are typically 11 years old.

Changes in the children's physical activity, time spent unsupervised or watching television did not explain the link between maternal employment and children's BMI, the study says.

Moreover, a mother working odd hours or overnight was not significantly associated with their children's BMI.

The researchers were unable to clearly explain the findings but theorized that because working mothers have little time to shop for healthy food and prepare meals, they and their children eat more fast- and packaged foods, which tend to be high in fat and calories.

Today, one in three US kids is overweight or obese, mean-

ing they are more likely than their normal-weight counterparts to grow up to be obese adults and suffer from obesity-related conditions including diabetes, cardiovascular disease and fatty liver disease.

Childhood obesity has also been linked to "behavior and academic problems in adolescence and adulthood," said the lead author of the study Taryn Morrissey, assistant professor in public administration and policy at American University, calling for healthy foods to be made more accessible to working families.

"Given that more than 70 percent of US mothers with young children work, the importance of providing support to these families is clear," the study says.

## Alcohol poisoning :

Alcohol poisoning is a serious — and sometimes deadly — consequence of drinking large amounts of alcohol in a short period of time. Drinking too much too quickly can affect your breathing, heart rate and gag reflex and potentially lead to coma and death.

Binge drinking — rapidly downing five or more drinks in a row — is a main cause of alcohol poisoning. Alcohol poisoning can also occur when you accidentally or intentionally drink household products that contain alcohol. A person with alcohol poisoning needs immediate medical attention.

If you suspect someone has alcohol poisoning, call for emergency medical help right away.

Alcohol poisoning treatment consists of providing breathing support and intravenous fluids and vitamins until the alcohol is completely out of the body.

**Alcohol poisoning symptoms include:**

- Confusion, stupor
- Vomiting

- Seizures
- Slow breathing (less than eight breaths a minute)
- Irregular breathing (a gap of more than 10 seconds between breaths)
- Blue-tinged skin or pale skin
- Low body temperature (hypothermia)
- Unconsciousness ("passing out"), and can't be roused

It's not necessary for all of these symptoms to be present before you seek help. A person who is unconscious or can't be roused is at risk of dying.

**When to see a doctor**

If you suspect that someone has alcohol poisoning — even if you don't see the classic signs and symptoms — seek immediate medical care. In an emergency, follow these suggestions:

- If the person is unconscious, breathing less than eight times a minute or has repeated, uncontrolled vomiting, call for help or your local emergency number immediately. Keep in mind that even

when someone is unconscious or has stopped drinking, alcohol continues to be released into the bloodstream and the level of alcohol in the body continues to rise. Never assume that a person will "sleep off" alcohol poisoning.

■ If the person is conscious, call for help. The staff at the poison control center or emergency call center can instruct you as to whether you should take the person directly to a hospital.

■ Be prepared to provide information. If you know, be sure to tell hospital or emergency personnel the kind and amount of alcohol the person drank, and when.

■ Don't leave an unconscious person alone. While waiting for help, don't try to make the person vomit. Alcohol poisoning affects the way your gag reflex works. That means someone with alcohol poisoning may choke on his or her own vomit or accidentally inhale (aspirate) vomit into the lungs, which could cause a fatal lung injury.



# ARUBA CARNIVAL

## Meet Maya, Carnival Queen 2011 of Majestic Group



Dressed in an impressive gala gown and in the presence of Aruba's 57th Carnival Prince and Pancho (Jester,) Miss Maya Croes was crowned by well known Di-

ario reporter Hubert (Juby) Naar and Miss Swinda Winterdaal as Majestic Carnival Group Queen for Carnival 57.

Stichting Arubaanse Car-

naval-SAC – which administers over official events, also installed Miss. Jennyree Geerman as Aruba's representative for the International Carnival Queen pageant to take place in Curacao. Jennyree was Majestic' Carnival Queen for entry in 2008 and won the title.

Simultaneously, Mrs. Wendy Kelly was crowned Majestic's Mrs. Carnival to represent the group at the Mrs. Carnival election conducted last night. The event took place in front of a large audience, all dressed in red.

Maya declared she is very happy with her crown and promised to present a beautiful show during the Carnival Queen 2011 election on February 19, and so help make this year's Carnival a "majestic event"! She thanked the audience for their support and everyone working hard to create her dresses and costumes for the big day of the final pageant.

A special thank you went to K&G fashion Boutique for her gowns and Elsa's Flower-shop for the beautiful flower arrangement she received.

## 20 Roadmarch and 10 Calypso classify for the grand final of Calypso & Roadmarch contest

JOE LAVEIST SPORT-PARK -- In the early morning hours of Wednesday, Jury President Lionel Croes announced the results of the Calypso & Roadmarch 2011 pre finals. Twenty Roadmarch and 10 Calypso songs classified for the final contest, which will be held tonight at the Joe Laveist Sportpark.

They are:

### Calypso

- 1 Charles Hooker – NBO
- 2 EK - Youth Xtreme
- 3 Lady V – NBO
- 4 Campo - On Cue
- 5 Claudius – OREO
- 6 Mighty Whitey – The Creators
- 7 Ronwayne Kock – Prive
- 8 Ofo Escudero – Tsunami
- 9 David Hodge/ Young Quicksilver – Clymaxxx

10 Valentino King – NBO

### Roadmarch

- 1 Mighty Campo - On Cue
- 2 Might Dumbo - Le Groove
- 3 Easy B - Le Groove
- 4 Daddy Bass – BMW
- 5 Ofo – Tsunami
- 6 Caiso Teddy - Dushi Band
- 7 Menjoe - Dushi Band
- 8 Bobby Gibbs – Tsunami
- 9 Master Gusto - Youth Xtreme
- 10 Snickers – Xc-Lanz
- 11 T- Money - Le Groove
- 12 Tattoo - Zeta band
- 13 Giovanni Trim – OREO
- 14 Claudius philips – OREO
- 15 Mikey - Youth Xtreme
- 16 Juan Pablo Romero – Impak
- 17 Lady V – NBO
- 18 Valentino King – NBO
- 19 Mighty Jaoul – Impak
- 20 Kevin James - NBO



## Main Events 2011

FRI. FEBR 4 7:30 P.M.	ARUBA'S 17TH MRS. CARNAVAL ELECTION PLACE: ARUBA ENTERTAINMENT CENTER
SAT. FEBR 5 7:30 P.M.	GRAND FINAL CALYPSO & ROADMARCH CONTEST 2011 PLACE; JOE LAVEIST SPORTPARK IN SAN NIC.
SUN. FEB. 6	SOCA DANCE CONTEST/CARNAVAL BOAT PARADE
SAT FEB 12. 7 P.M.	ARUBA'S 36TH CHILDREN QUEEN AND 48TH YOUTH QUEEN ELECTION PLACE:: ARUBA ENTERTAINMENT CENTER
SUN. FEB. 13	YOUTH PARADE - O'STAD FLIP FLOP CARNAVAL BEACH FESTIVAL PLACE: THE VILLAGE
FRI. FEBR 18	CARNAVALHAPPY HOUR - PLACE: PENDING
SAT. FEBR 19 7:30 P.M.	ARUBA'S 57TH CARNAVAL QUEEN ELECTION AND CORONATION PLACE: ARUBA ENTERTAINMENT CENTER





## Hi-quality PPV transmission allow fans to follow Carnival 57 events via the internet



This year, for the first time, SETAR N.V., together with Blackerry, HBO and Caribbean Mercantile Bank offers the Calypso & Roadmarch and Tumba contest to customers on Pay Per View.

Arubans who requested PPV enjoyed a tremendous Tumba Contest on January 29 and the Calypso & Roadmarch prefinals this week, thanks to

the transmission quality offered by SETAR.

The telecommunications company received accolades for the magnificent production. This surely will elevate the transmission of these types of events to satisfy those who cannot attend.

All Digital Cable subscribers who are still inter-

ested in the package of Calypso & Roadmarch Contest can still do so. Go to a SETAR Telshops or the Cable T.V. Office situated in the Caya G.F. (Betico) Croes 200 or call tel. 525-1700 to set it up. The Calypso & Roadmarch will be transmitted thru channel 116.

Another way to apply for the Calypso & Roadmarch PPV is at home thru the remote control, channel 115.

In order to please those living abroad, SETAR offers the PPV via an internet link on [www.setar.aw/ppv](http://www.setar.aw/ppv). This way it assures those far away from home can also enjoy this exceptional event. The package costs \$49.95

Catch all the excitement and action of Aruba's Carnival culture in the comfort of your home.



## The Queen's offers an authentic taste of Aruba!



Varela, Luisa and the next generation of chef

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban restaurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varela Innocencia confesses she opened her

into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin



Keshi Yena with plantains and vegetables

restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varela's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture

of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season.

We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!



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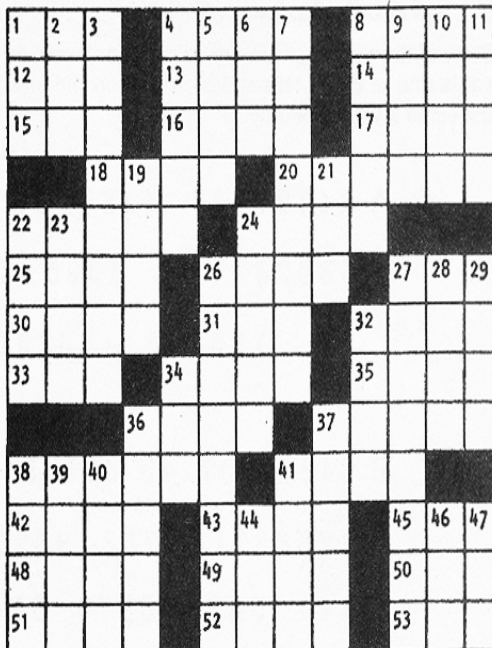
## ACROSS

1. Difficult spot
4. Racetrack
8. Mulligan
12. Bullfight cheer
13. Skirt style
14. Record
15. \_\_\_-tac-toe
16. Roadside stopovers
17. Vicinity
18. Loathe
20. Interfere (with)
22. Bridges
24. \_\_\_ of the tongue
25. Peck's partner
26. Wharf
27. Cook in oil
30. Great Lake
31. Some are classified
32. Gratis
33. Twelfth month: abbr.
34. Angers
35. Incline
36. Feathery wraps
37. Plants-to-be
38. Leave isolated
41. Provide nourishment
42. Knots
43. Unemployed

## DOWN

45. Boat paddle
48. Touched down
49. Kind of opera
50. Actress Farrow
51. Unit of inheritance
52. \_\_\_ on (prods)
53. Crafty
1. Write quickly
2. \_\_\_ Baba
3. Garage worker
4. Leaves out
5. Clinging plant
6. Actress Sothorn
7. Without energy
8. Postage collectible
9. Sports covering, for short
10. Fencing sword
11. Have on
19. Poker stake
21. Atmosphere
22. Storage building
23. Untainted
24. Takes a part
26. Eden
27. Liberties
28. Peruse
29. Desires
32. Run from
34. Charged particle
36. Moisten a roast

37. Oozes
38. Doe's mate
39. Piece of flooring
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6	1	7	5	4	9	8	3	2
8	9	2	6	3	4	5	7	1
4	5	6	9	7	1	3	2	8
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Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9. A number is Never repeated in a row or column. In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9.



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### BRIEFS:

#### Boeing reports order for 32 737s canceled

NEW YORK (AFP) – US aerospace giant Boeing said that a customer had canceled an order for 32 of its best-selling single-aisle 737 aircraft, leaving net orders for 737s so far this year at zero. The canceled order was placed before 2011 and the customer did not want to be identified, Boeing spokesman Doug Alder told AFP.

The Chicago-based firm has taken 32 new orders for 737s in the year to date: Alaska Airlines, 15 planes; the US Navy, six; one from a non-airline operator; and 10 more just revealed from "unidentified customer(s)". So far this year Boeing has also received orders for two of its long-haul 777s, from American Airlines.

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#### GDF Suez completes takeover of International Power

PARIS (AFP) – French energy giant GDF Suez said it had completed its takeover of Britain's International Power, creating the world's second-largest electricity producer.

The European Commission cleared the takeover last week on condition it sell some assets in Belgium to avoid dominating power generation in that country.

The deal had already been approved by US, Canadian, Australian, Brazilian and Turkish authorities.

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#### Spain's Banco Popular 2010 profits slump 23%:

MADRID (AFP) – The Bank of Spain estimated that the economy shrank by 0.1 percent in 2010, a better performance than expected by the government after an expansion in the final quarter.

Spain is fighting to revive its economy, Europe's fifth-largest, and convince nervous investors that it will grow enough to bring its massive public deficit under control without resorting to a Greek or Irish style bailout.

The government signed a "grand social pact" on reforms covering pensions and collective bargaining to boost growth and slash an unemployment rate of just over 20 percent, the highest level in the industrialised world.

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#### January snowstorms cloud US jobs market:

WASHINGTON (AFP) – US job creation slowed to a halt in January as winter storms gripped broad swaths of the country, according to official data published.

The economy added a meager 36,000 jobs, the Labor Department said, an increase that was much smaller than the 148,000 expected.

Economists said that was at least partly because hundreds of thousands of people disappeared from the statistics thanks to an annual population revision.

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## Europe launches trillion-euro energy revamp

BRUSSELS (AFP) – European leaders launched a trillion-euro bid to slash dependency on Middle East oil and Russian gas, clearing the way to place nuclear power at the centre of 21st century needs.

At a summit shaken by instability over Egypt's popular revolt and soaring oil prices, the European Union moved to reclaim control over energy supply for the rest of the century with reforms designed to unlock private investment.

The EU is the world's largest regional energy market -- 500 million people and 20 million companies.

Governments committed to a broad sweep of market reforms, linking national and regional electricity grids and gas pipelines by 2014 to allow power to circulate freely and cheaply, from those who produce it and have surpluses to those who don't and need it.

"No EU member state should remain isolated from the European gas and electricity networks after 2015 or see

its energy security jeopardised by lack of the appropriate connections," read summit conclusions whose adoption was announced by EU president Herman Van Rompuy on Twitter.

Island states Cyprus and Malta, as well as Baltic countries whose infrastructure remains tied to the former Soviet Union, feared their needs may be considered too insignificant for the big energy players to invest in costly transmission networks.

But the EU agreed that pooled public money could underpin completion of this so-called 'supergrid' -- although ballpark sums will not be produced until the summer.

The other big change, at the instigation of France but firmly backed by the government in London, was to reposition domestically-produced nuclear energy at the heart of the bloc's long-term supplies.

In a carefully-worded shift in emphasis, alongside investment in renewable energy technologies, EU states will

also promote "safe and sustainable low-carbon technologies" -- this including nuclear -- under climate action goals.

This came under attack from ecologists and Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, the head of the Party of European Socialists, as: "Old leaders, with old ideas, simply proposing old energy methods for Europe's future."

Brussels-based NGO Energy Strategy Center also saw a missed opportunity given a "significant shift currently underway in the climate and energy debate."

It pointed out that, yet again, "China is rapidly becoming a global leader in the technologies of a resource efficient, low-carbon economy."

France maintains it is not trying surreptitiously to reclassify nuclear alongside wind, wave, solar or biomass energy production as Europe tries to meet three-pronged commitments to combat global warming by 2020.

These are to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 20 percent compared to 1990 levels.

## Bacardi vows to fight Spanish court ruling



**A bottle of Havana Club rum is displayed**

MADRID, Spain (AFP) – Drinks maker Bacardi vowed to fight a Spanish court decision in favour of its French rival Pernod Ricard in a long-running dispute over the use of the Havana Club brand in Spain.

Bacardi said it was "disappointed" that Spain's supreme court rejected its claims over the brand "on the legal technicality of a statute of limitations".

"Bacardi has and will continue to defend its position in

the wake of ongoing and inaccurate allegations by Havana Club Holdings surrounding the legitimacy of Bacardi's rights and ownership of Havana Club rum," it said in a statement.

The Bermuda-based company said it planned "new legal avenues," but gave no details.

Pernod Ricard said in a statement that Spain's supreme court confirmed that the company Havana Club, a joint venture involving the French group and the Cuba's state-owned Cuba Ron, "holds the rights to the Havana Club brand in Spain."

The Havana Club trademark was first used by the Arechabala family whose company was nationalised by Cuba in 1960 following the revolution led by Fidel Castro.

Cubaexport, a Cuban government agency, then assigned the trademark to the Pernod joint venture in 1993.

Bacardi claims that the move by the Cuban government was illegal. Unlike the rum sold by Pernod, Bacardi's rum is made in Puerto Rico.

"Bacardi legally owns the rights to the Spanish Havana Club rum brand, having purchased the trademark from the original legal owners, creators and proprietors of the brand," Bacardi's statement said.

A separate but similar dispute in the United States involves Pernod and Bacardi, which markets Havana Club in that country.

A US court in April last year allowed Bacardi to keep using the Havana Club name for its rum distilled in Puerto Rico, but Pernod has appealed.

### YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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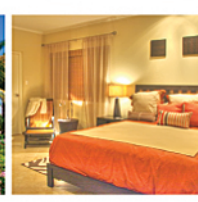
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## SETAR Business Event 2011 features guest speaker Merthe Tiemensma



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"We have marginally downsized, with a 5% reduction in personnel, most of which are those who opted for their earliest possible retirement."

Figures reveal the Aruban population presents the greatest demand for Blackberry use in the Caribbean, and SETAR NV is, at present, the only island in the region to offer a full selection of Android platform phones with 3 G capability, of which Aruba is also singular in providing. Within a month, the renovations to fiber optic lines pro-

viding increased Internet speed will be finished, so businesses and homes can very soon expect smoother and faster online connectivity.

Mrs. Tiemensma embodied her premise of storytelling as a way to communicate and connect in the workplace, by sharing some very personal stories of her own. She just completed a week of training with SETAR employees, whom she found "very enthusiastic and eloquent" in their adop-



**Diego Frankel**

tion of using stories to express their ideas. She pointed to an impressively effective storyteller from history, John F. Kennedy and the speeches of President Barak Obama as using this method to bring across one's points.

Recommended reading on this practice are "Story Theater Method" by Doug Stevenson, "Corporate Stories" by Schutte and Henricks and "Made to Stick" by Chip and Dan Heath. Her entire speech can be downloaded as a PDF file here: <http://www.tiemensma.com/images/stories/speech%20merthe%20tiemensma%20-%20storytelling%20business%20setar.pdf>

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## Actress cast for TV film about British royal wedding

LOS ANGELES (AFP) – A relatively unknown British actress has been cast to play Prince William's fiancée Kate Middleton in a TV film of Britain's upcoming royal wedding, a movie executive said.

Camilla Luddington, whose previous appearances have mostly been in US TV series, will play Middleton in "William and Kate," the story of the couple's relationship after they met as students in Scotland.

"We have cast Camilla Luddington to play Kate Middleton," said Frank Konigsberg of the planned film, being produced by US television network Lifetime.

It also stars New Zealand-born actor Nico Evers Swindell as Prince William, and British actor Ben Cross as William's father Prince Charles, the heir to the British throne.

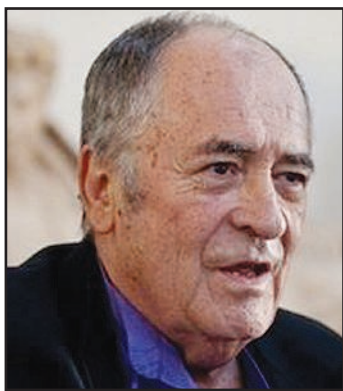
A summary of the movie says it "chronicles the history of William and Kate -- from the moment the two students met at Scotland's prestigious University of St. Andrews."

This includes "through the ups and downs of their nine-year courtship complicated by social and Royal Family pressures, and intense global media attention surrounding their storybook nuptials," it added.

Luddington is slim, with long brown hair and hazel eyes, according to her resume on industry website IMDb, where she says she can sing and likes cycling, swimming, rollerblading and aerobics. She can do British or Australian accents.

Prince William and Middleton, 29, announced their engagement last November, and are due to marry at London's Westminster Abbey on April 29.

## Bertolucci wanted to say sorry for 'Last Tango in Paris'



ROME (AFP) – Italian director Bernardo Bertolucci said he wished he could have apologised to the late Maria Schneider for putting her through graphic sex scenes in his classic 1972 film "Last Tango in Paris."

"Her death has come too early, before I could give her a tender embrace and tell her that I was as tied to her as I was at the start and apologise to her at least once," Bertolucci said. "The strong and creative relationship that we had during the filming of 'Last Tango' became poisoned with the passing of time," he said.

"Maria accused me of hav-

ing robbed her of her youth and only today am I wondering whether there wasn't some truth to that," he added.

Schneider, who died Thursday aged 58 after a long illness, was just 19 when she made the highly controversial film that catapulted her to global fame.

In later interviews she said she had been traumatised by Bertolucci's insistence that she film a particularly graphic anal sex scene with Brando. She battled drug addiction in the 1970s but later revived her career.

"The truth is she was too young to withstand the impact of the film's unpredictable and brutal success. Marlon hid behind his impenetrable privacy and the full weight of promotion fell on Maria and myself," Bertolucci said.

"Together with the film, she gave American puritanism a shove. At that time, transgression was still possible and Maria could not resist the temptation to live it fully, body and soul, with all her beauty and joy," he added.

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## Jagger to perform at Grammys show



LOS ANGELES, California (AFP) – Rolling Stones frontman Mick Jagger will strut his stuff at the Grammys this month, joining music stars including Lady Gaga, Eminem and Katy Perry already lined up, organizers announced.

The rock and roll icon will perform live as part of an "In Memoriam" section of the February 13 awards show,

paying tribute to "King of Rock'n'Soul" Solomon Burke, who died last year.

He will be accompanied by Grammy-winning US R&B singer-songwriter Raphael Saadiq and his band at the music industry's annual awards show at the Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles.

Previous veteran stars headlining the annual Grammys have included Elton John -- who did a duet with Lady Gaga last year -- Paul McCartney in 2009, and soul legend Aretha Franklin in 2008.

As well as Jagger -- performing for the first time at the Grammys -- other artists doing their thing will include Justin Bieber, Lady Antebellum, Arcade Fire, Miranda Lambert, Muse, Usher, Bruno Mars and Rihanna.

Presenters who will hand out awards at the 53rd Grammys show include actress Gwyneth Paltrow, nine-time

Grammy winner Norah Jones and two-time winner LL Cool J.

Eminem, while performing at the show, will also be hoping to take home a few gongs; he is nominated in 10 categories at the Grammys, capping a comeback year for the once-troubled rap star.

Eminem got a Best Album nod for his album "Recovery," as well Best Song nomination with Rihanna for "Love the Way You Lie."

Hawaiian-born singer Mars came second to Eminem with seven nominations including Best Male Pop Vocal. US rap megastar Jay-Z, Nashville-born country trio Lady Antebellum and Lady Gaga each earned six nods at the show.

Katy Perry, who opened the show with her catchy "California Gurls," is also in the running for Best Album along with Lady Gaga, Arcade Fire and Lady Antebellum.

## Malawi to debate public farting ban

BLANTYRE, Malawi (AFP) – Malawian lawmakers will next week debate a law change to criminalise public farting, which a cabinet minister said had been encouraged by democracy.

"The government has a right to ensure public decency. We are entitled to introduce order in the country," justice and constitutional affairs minister George Chaponda told independent radio station Capital Radio.

"Would you like to see people farting in public anywhere?"

Since the country embraced multi-party politics 16 years ago people had felt free to fart anywhere, said Chaponda.

"It was not there during the time of dictatorship because people were afraid of the consequences. Now because of multipartism or freedom, people would like to fart anywhere, he said.

Chaponda, a key figure in President Bingu wa Mutharika's government, said that if Malawians cannot control their farting "they should go to the toilet instead of fart-



ing in public."

"Nature can be controlled... it becomes a nuisance if people fart anywhere."

A lawyer himself, Chaponda said that under the amended law farting will be considered a minor offence.

Chaponda's Democratic Progressive Party will bank on its majority to pass the amendment to a law which was first introduced in 1929.

The amendment, which will make farting in public an offence, is not yet public and it will be presented to parliament for debate as part of a review by the state-sponsored

Law Commission of the country's penal code.

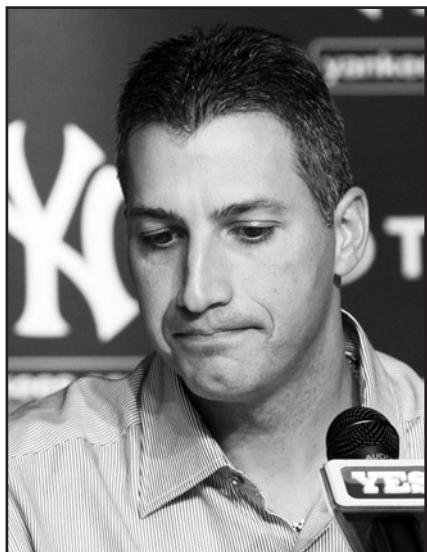
Nobody in Malawi has been arrested nor convicted for farting under the old law, as police did not enforce it.

The old law states: "Any person who voluntarily vitiates the atmosphere in any place so as to make it noxious to the health of persons in general dwelling or carrying on business in the neighbourhood or passing along a public way, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour."

The southern African state is a conservative society with punishable previous bans on long hair for men and trouser-wearing for women.



# Pettitte calls it quits after 16 seasons



**Andy Pettitte of the New York Yankees speaks during a press conference to announce his retirement**

NEW YORK (AFP) - Andy Pettitte took his final bow at Yankee Stadium on Friday, declaring his career complete after 16 Major League Baseball seasons and five World Series titles with the New York Yankees.

"My heart is not where it needs to be," Pettitte said. "It just didn't feel right for me anymore. I didn't have the hunger, the drive I felt like I needed."

The 38-year-old left-handed pitcher finished 240-138 with a 3.88 earned-run average and won a record 19

playoff games. He spent 13 seasons with the Yankees and three more with Houston, helping the Astros to their first World Series.

Joined by wife Laura, Pettitte said that she talked him out of announcing his retirement last October after the Yankees were ousted from the playoffs, advising him to wait until he was sure of what he wanted to do.

That time came last weekend as he was driving between his home and ranch in Texas, even though as recently as two weeks ago Pettitte thought he might return for one more season.

"It was an easy decision, but it wasn't an easy decision," Pettitte said. "I think taking the mound every fifth day is over and I am looking forward to this next chapter in my life and figuring out what that is."

"I don't want it to be anything except hanging out with my family."

Pettitte admitted using human growth hormone to recover from injuries and is expected to be called as a prosecution witness in the perjury trial of former Yankee

teammate Roger Clemens scheduled in Washington for July.

Clemens is accused of lying to lawmakers when he denied taking performance-enhancing drugs. Pettitte said Clemens admitted taking them in private conversations, but Clemens said Pettitte "misremembered" the conversations.

His role in the upcoming trial was not a factor in retiring, Pettitte said.

"That has not had any affect, I mean zero, in my decision. It has had no impact in my life," Pettitte said. "I would never let that interfere with a life decision I make for me and my family."

Pettitte helped the Yankees win World Series crowns in 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2009.

"Andy played with a competitive spirit that brought out the best in the teams he played for, and he exemplified this franchise's commitment and will to win," Yankee owners Hal and Hank Steinbrenner said in a statement. "He was an anchor for the tremendous success our team has achieved since the mid-1990s."

"He has earned the right to be considered among the greats that have worn the pinstripes."

## No Super Bowl 'eye candy' as cheerleaders miss out



DALLAS (AFP) - For the first time in the showcase event's 45-year history there will be no scantily-clad cheerleaders on the sidelines at a Super Bowl.

The Pittsburgh Steelers and Green Bay Packers are two of a half dozen National Football League teams that don't have cheerleaders.

The others comprise Cleveland Browns, New York Giants, Chicago Bears and Detroit Lions.

"We will have a great game, we don't need eye candy," quipped Pittsburgh Steelers guard Trai Essex.

So with the Super Bowl being the most watched American television spectacle of the year, the Dallas Cowboys' celebrated cheerleaders have come to the rescue.

The Cowboys cheerleaders have filled the void during Super Bowl week by attending public functions, parties and signing autographs at the main media centre at the downtown Sheraton Hotel.

"I'm surprised that Jerry Jones didn't say, 'If we're playing the game in Dallas, my cheerleaders are going to come out at halftime and put on a show,'" said Pittsburgh defensive end Brett Keisel.

The Packers cheerleading team was disbanded in 1988 and Pittsburgh's 'Steelerettes' ended their reign in 1969.

## Super Bowl fans scramble to snowed-in Dallas

DALLAS (AFP) - Airlines scrambled Friday to get Super Bowl fans to Dallas after a major winter storm clogged airport runways and forced the cancellation of more than 700 flights.

Some 150,000 fans were expected to descend upon Dallas for Sunday's showdown between the Pittsburgh Steelers and Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl 45.

American Airlines said it was doing everything it could to make sure fans don't see their dreams dashed by the four to nine inches (10 to 23 centimeters) of snow piling up on runways at the Dallas-Fort Worth International airport.

"Everything that we have been operating that we can identify as Super Bowl sensitive we have prioritized to make sure they get into DFW," spokesman Ed Martelle told AFP.

While the airline was running at about "half-speed" all morning, none of the incoming flights from Green Bay,



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## J-Lo at Obama Super Bowl Party



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Actress and music diva Jennifer Lopez will top the bill at US President Barack Obama's annual Super Bowl party on Sunday, as the Green Bay Packers take on the Pittsburgh Steelers for the NFL championship.

J-Lo will be joined by husband Marc Anthony at the

White House party, also featuring top officials including Attorney General Eric Holder and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, a senior US official said.

At one point, Obama had high hopes for the big title game, as his beloved Chicago Bears made it to the semi-final stage, but were knocked out by the Packers, the pride of Wisconsin.

Obama will be seeking a piece of the Super Bowl XLV action himself on Sunday, as he will grant a rare interview to Fox television's conservative talk show host Bill O'Reilly as part of the network's build-up to the big game.

## UEFA warns over Euro 2012 ticket scams

WARSAW (AFP) - UEFA this week warned against buying tickets for Euro 2012 from anywhere but its own website, saying fans risked being ripped off and unable to get into games.

With only weeks until tickets go on sale for next year's European championships in Poland and Ukraine, football's continental governing body underscored that uefa.com was the only authorised channel.

"You can only apply for tickets on the official website," UEFA's championships' chief Martin Kallen told reporters in the Polish capital Warsaw.

"There are no other sources. All other sources are in principle illegal," he said.

From March 1-31, fans can sign up for a chance to buy up to four of more than 550,000 tickets available to the general public at Euro 2012.

Demand traditionally far outstrips supply -- 10.4 million people applied for 300,000 tickets at Euro 2008 in Switzerland in Austria -- and UEFA will choose the lucky fans by lottery in April.

"We handle the ticketing from beginning to end," noted Pedro Correia, head of UEFA's ticket operations.



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## Storied Steelers, Green Bay face off in Super Bowl 45

Rodgers is in his first Super Bowl but after talking to former players he says he has some idea of what to expect.

"Everybody I talked to this week that's played in this game has talked about just taking deep breaths and getting over the first few plays," Rodgers said.

"I am hopeful that won't be an issue with me, but I am sure there will be a lot of excitement and a little bit of nerves to start out the game."

Where Pittsburgh could be vulnerable is at centre if star rookie Maurkice Pouncey can't play.

Pouncey was helped off the field during Pittsburgh's opening drive against the New York Jets in the AFC championship game with a fractured bone in his foot.

If Pouncey can't play, then the centre spot would be filled by second-year pro Doug Legursky. Against the Jets, Legursky relieved Pouncey and played the rest of the game. But this would be his first NFL start.

One of the more intriguing match-ups will be Green Bay's secondary against the Steelers' elite core of receivers.

This will be Packers corner back Charles Woodson's first trip back to the Super Bowl in eight years.

"It will come down to one defence trying to stop the other team's offence and of course we hope that we get off to a fast start," said Woodson.

"Both teams have explosive offences and both teams have great quarterbacks who can make plays in any fashion, running or throwing. If you get up on the scoreboard the defence is going to come in and that is how the game will be won."

Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin is the youngest coach in NFL history to earn a Super Bowl ring, winning his first at age 36.

Packers coach Mike McCarthy has a reputation of being able to mold young quarterbacks into starters and certainly Rodgers is proof of that.

## Some SB facts

Super Bowl XLV will be the 45th annual edition of the Super Bowl in American football, and the 41st annual championship game of the modern-era National Football League (NFL). The game, to be played on February 6, 2011, will pit the AFC champion Pittsburgh Steelers against the NFC champion Green Bay Packers to decide the NFL champion for the 2010 season.

The game will be held at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas, the first time that the Super Bowl will be held in the Dallas-Fort Worth area; and the third time it will be held in Texas (Houston was the host city to VIII and XXXVIII). Kickoff time is approximately 5:25pm CST (UTC-06).

This will be the eighth appearance in the Super Bowl for the Steelers (who hold the record with six Super Bowl wins) and the fifth for the Packers (who hold the record with 12 overall NFL titles, including three Super Bowl wins and nine league titles prior to the Super Bowl-era).

As of February 2, the Packers are two to three point favorites, making this the first Super Bowl in which the Steelers were underdogs since Super Bowl XXX. In all four previous Super Bowls that Green Bay played in, they were favored to win. The last time the teams met, the game went down to the final tick. Literally. Down 30-36, Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger threw a touchdown pass to Mike Wallace at the end of regulation. Jeff Reed made the extra point. Pittsburgh 37, Green Bay 36.

That loss had to sting for Green Bay. They will be

looking to pay Pittsburgh back in kind this Sunday.

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Of the top 10 career leaders in passer rating, seven have won Super Bowls. This bodes well for Rodgers, the most efficient passer in NFL history.

The Pro Bowl QB has played well this postseason,

throwing for six touchdowns against two interceptions. He has yet to play on the game's biggest stage so it will be interesting to see how he reacts.

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Fear not, Steeler fans. History might not be on your side, but a history-making QB is.

Ben Roethlisberger has shown he has what it takes. Twice. He may not put up the most gaudy stats but he comes through in the clutch. As long as he is under center, Pittsburgh fans shouldn't worry.

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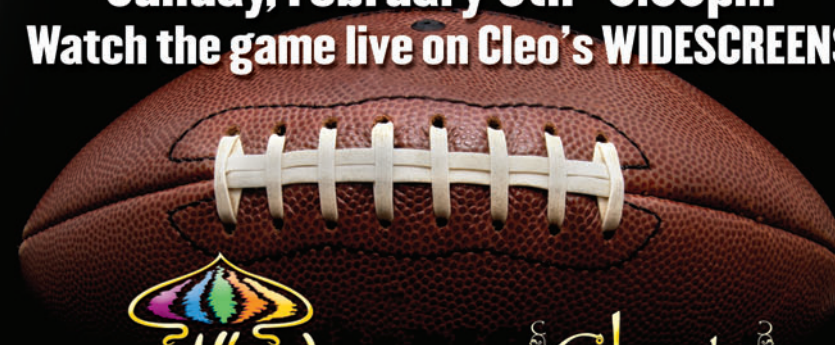


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# Storied Steelers, Green Bay face off in Super Bowl 45

DALLAS (AFP) - Two of the NFL's most storied franchises, the Pittsburgh Steelers and Green Bay Packers square off in Super Bowl 45 which should be a dynamic matchup of superstar quarterbacks and punishing defenses.

Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger is seeking his third Super Bowl ring while Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers hopes to finally put the Brett Favre era behind him by winning his first league championship.

"We are trying to come down here and make the most of it and see if we can bring our seventh Super Bowl back to Pittsburgh," Steelers receiver Hines Ward said.

Sunday's game at Cowboys Stadium marks the first Super Bowl meeting between the Steelers and Packers, who have 13 appearances in the showpiece between them.

The Steelers are making their eighth all-time appear-



ance in the Super Bowl and third in the last six years. Their six Super Bowl wins are the most in NFL history.

The Packers have won the Super Bowl three times and boast the league's best overall playoff winning percentage at .636, edging out the second

place Steelers who have a .635 playoff winning record.

The Super Bowl is not the first major sporting event at the 1.2 billion dollar Cowboys Stadium but it is by the biggest since the venue was built in 2009.

Organizers are expecting a

record Super Bowl crowd, breaking the current attendance mark for a Super Bowl of 103,667 when Washington beat Miami in 1983 at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California.

Linebacker Clay Matthews said the key for the Green Bay

defence on Sunday would be to contain the 1.96 metre (6ft 5in) Roethlisberger.

"It is almost like taking down an offensive lineman," Matthews said. "He shrugs off defenders, can extend plays."

"So it is very important we put emphasis on collapsing the pocket and getting him down when we get to him because he is still able to get the ball away even when you have him wrapped up."

Roethlisberger guided the Steelers to victories in Super Bowl 40 in Detroit and Super Bowl 43 in Tampa, Florida.

"In Detroit I was overwhelmed," Roethlisberger said. "Tampa was a little bit better. You hope that you just get a little bit more comfortable with it so you won't have the same jitters that you had the first couple of times and you can go out there with the confidence that this is just another game."

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